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REF: AISTON-PERLOW E-MAIL, 6/21

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2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE; SEE PARAGRAPH 11.

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SUMMARY

3. FRENCH PLANNING FOR THE HUMANITARIAN OPERATION IN RWANDA HAS BEGUN TO TAKE A MORE DEFINITE FORM BUT MANY DETAILS ARE DELIBERATELY UNDECIDED TO ALLOW FIELD COMMANDERS MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR OPERATIONS. FRENCH FORCES WILL STAGE THROUGH BUKAVU AND GOMA WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER ENTERING RWANDA VIA GESENYI. THE GOF HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM DAR ES SALAAM ON USE OF TANZANIAN TERRITORY AND, GIVEN THE LOGISTICAL COMPLICATIONS THAT A POSITIVE GOT ANSWER WOULD ENTAIL, GOF PLANNERS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY. THE QUAI BELIEVES IT HAS COMMITMENTS FROM [] FOR A SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT PLUS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUPPORT, AND FROM [] AND [] FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

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4. ALTHOUGH RPF LEADER KAGAME STILL REFUSES TO MEET WITH GOF AMBASSADOR MARLAUD, CONTACTS ARE CONTINUING IN KAMPALA AT A LOWER LEVEL AND ARE "LESS HOSTILE" THAN PRESS REPORTS INDICATE, ACCORDING TO THE QUAI. []

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[] BIHOZAGARA, BRUSSELS-BASED RPF REPRESENTATIVE, WILL COME TO PARIS FOR A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE ON JUNE 22. END SUMMARY.

5. ON THE EVE OF THE UNSC DISCUSSION OF A RESOLUTION, THE GOF AFRICAN AFFAIRS CIRCUIT IN PARIS HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH PLANNING MEETINGS AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO WIN SUPPORT IN EUROPE AND AFRICA FOR ITS PROPOSAL. THUS, MOST OF OUR CONTACTS HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AND EACH PERSON HAS A PIECE OF A VERY RAPIDLY CHANGING PICTURE.

THE UNSC VOTE

6. DEMARCHES IN NEW YORK AND IN UNSC CAPITALS HAVE LEFT THE GOF CONFIDENT THAT THE UNSC RESOLUTION WILL PASS WITH LITTLE CRITICISM. THE QUAI STATED THAT THE [] AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE G-77 CAUCUS. THE SOLE QUESTION MARK IS [] CATHERINE BOIVINEAU (QUAI DIRECTOR FOR

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EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA) TOLD US. WHILE THE [REDACTED]
 PERMREP HAS BEEN MAKING NEGATIVE NOISES IN NEW YORK,
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 THE RESPONSE TO A BILATERAL DEMARCHE IN [REDACTED] WAS
 SUPPORTIVE.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

7. THE QUAI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE [REDACTED]
 AT U.S. WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL/MATERIEL
 SUPPORT FOR SENEGAL AND GHANA. BOIVINEAU RECOUNTED
 THAT THERE WAS GREAT APPRECIATION IN THE GOF FOR THE
 SUPPORT VOICED BY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER TO FOREIGN

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MINISTER JUPPE. THE QUAI HAS GIVEN POINTED EMPHASIS IN ITS MEDIA CONTACTS TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERLINE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, [REDACTED]

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8. ACCORDING TO BOIVINEAU, DESPITE SOME HAZY SIGNALS FROM [REDACTED] HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PERSONNEL ONCE THE UNSC HAS BLESSED THE OPERATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF [REDACTED] WAS POSITIVE ABOUT PARTICIPATION, BOIVINEAU STATED, BUT CLAIMED THAT GIVEN THE [REDACTED] PRESENCE IN BOSNIA, IT WAS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEND MORE FORCES ABROAD ON A PEACEKEEPING MISSION. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, SENEGAL (INCLUDING A SMALL UNIT FROM GUINEA-BISSAU) WILL SEND FORCES AS WILL GHANA. EARLIER INDICATIONS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER FRANCOPHONE STATES HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED.

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THE SOMALIA OPTION

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9. UNSYG BOUTROS GHALI APPARENTLY HAS TEMPERED HIS INITIAL ENTHUSIASM ABOUT A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF UNOSOM FORCES FROM SOMALIA TO RWANDA, ACCORDING TO BOIVINEAU.

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10. GOF AMBASSADOR MARLAUD REMAINS IN KAMPALA. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SEEN SOME LOWER RANKING RPF FIGURES, PAUL KAGAME STILL REFUSES TO MEET WITH HIM. BOIVINEAU DESCRIBED RECENT CONTACTS AS "LESS HOSTILE" THAN PORTRAYED IN THE FRENCH PRESS, BUT MARLAUD STILL HAS NOT MANAGED TO CONVINCE THE RPF THAT FRANCE'S INTENTION IS PURELY HUMANITARIAN, AND THAT NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROTECT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, TO ENTER INTO KIGALI (WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF UNAMIR, BOIVINEAU UNDERLINED), OR TO ACT AS AN INTERPOSITION FORCE.

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11. THE GOF IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH KAGAME, OR OTHER RPF FIGURE(S), IN RPF-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN RWANDA, WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ACTION REQUEST: BASED ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND AF/C ON JUNE 20, THE QUAI UNDERSTANDS THAT A/S MOOSE WILL SPEAK WITH KAGAME. [REDACTED]

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12. JACQUES BIHOZAGARA, RPF REPRESENTATIVE FOR EUROPE
BASED IN BRUSSELS, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PARIS
TODAY. THE GOF [REDACTED] OFFERED HIM MEETINGS WITH
THE JUNIOR MINISTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS -- AND HE REFUSED TO COME. [REDACTED]

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13. THE GOF PLANNING FOR OPERATIONS IN RWANDA IS DELIBERATELY BEING LEFT VERY FLEXIBLE, ACCORDING TO BOIVINEAU, WITH A GREAT DEAL OF LATITUDE GIVEN TO MILITARY COMMANDERS IN RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS THEY ENCOUNTER ON THE SPOT. FRENCH FORCES WILL STAGE THROUGH BUKAVU AND GOMA, WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER ENTERING RWANDA VIA GESENYI. THE GOF INTENTION IS TO ENTER ONLY/ONLY ON GOR-HELD TERRITORY IN ORDER TO AVOID CLASHES WITH THE RPF AND TO SHOW THAT IT IS THERE TO PROTECT TUTSIS AND HUTU MODERATES FROM THE FAR AND MILITIAS. MARLAUD WILL MAKE CLEAR TO FAR MILITARY COMMANDERS AND INTERIM GOVERNMENT LEADERS "THAT THE LOGIC OF THE FRENCH OPERATION WILL LEAD TO MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARMY AND THE HUTU MILITIAS" IF EFFORTS ARE MADE TO IMPEDE HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS OR TO CARRY OUT MASSACRES IN AREAS WHERE FRENCH FORCES ARE PRESENT.

14. IN ADDITION TO RPF SKEPTICISM ABOUT FRENCH INTENTIONS, BOIVINEAU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE FAR AND INTERIM GOVERNMENT MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT THIS OPERATION WILL SERVE AS A "COVER" TO ALLOW THE GOF TO PROP UP THE REMNANTS OF THE HUTU LEADERSHIP AND PERHAPS EVEN GIVE COVERT AID. BOIVINEAU STATED THAT SHOULD COMBAT CONTINUE IN KIGALI OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE THE AREA OF GOF INTERVENTION, THAT WILL NOT BE OF DIRECT CONCERN TO FRENCH FORCES.

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15. THE BASE OF FRENCH OPERATIONS WILL REMAIN IN ZAIRE. BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NGO'S, REPORTERS AND UNAMIR, THE GOF BELIEVES IT HAS REASONABLE INFORMATION ON POCKETS OF THREATENED CIVILIANS. IF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION ARE NOT TOO LARGE, THEY WILL BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO CAMPS IN ZAIRE. BOIVINEAU STATED THAT INITIAL

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PROTECTED. SHOULD THE FRENCH FIND A NUMBER OF PERSONS
TOO LARGE TO TRANSPORT SAFELY AND QUICKLY, THEY WILL BE
PROTECTED WHERE THEY ARE FOUND. ONCE AREAS ARE
CONSIDERED "SECURE", THE SCOPE OF OPERATIONS WILL
GRADUALLY BE EXPANDED. THE FRENCH DO NOT INTEND TO
DISARM MILITIAS OR FAR FORCES, UNLESS THEY ATTEMPT TO
INTERFERE WITH FRENCH FORCES OR ARE FOUND COMMITTING
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